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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION FUNDS

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ADMINISTRATION THOMAS

1. YOUR LETTERS AUG 23 AND 26 REACHED TANANARIVE YESTERDAY SEPT 24 BECAUSE OF POUCH DELAY. HOPE INFORMATION BELOW IN RESPONSE YOUR REQUESTS NOT TOO LATE FOR YOUR USE.

2. DOCUMENTED OUT-OF-POCKET REPRESENTATION EXPENDITURES IN FY-74 AMOUNTED TO \$893, EXCESS OF 36 PERCENT OVER DEPT ALLOCATION.

3. EXPENSES INCURRED IN FY-74 IN NATIONAL INTEREST BUT WHICH NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNTED TO DOCUMENTED \$430 IN MY CASE ALONE. I WOULD ESTIMATE THAT THREE OTHER OFFICERS, ALL NOW TRANSFERRED AND UNAVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION, SPENT AT LEAST \$200 AND PROBABLY MORE FOR SAME PURPOSE. THUS THIS CATEGORY TOTALS ANOTHER 26 PERCENT ABOVE REPRESENTATION ALLOCATION.

4. SPECIAL FACTORS JUSTIFYING MORE REPRESENTATION MONEY FOR THIS POST:

(A) DOLLAR DEVALUED 14 PERCENT IN TERMS MALAGASY FRANC SINCE AUGUST 1971.

(B) PRICE INCREASE EXAMPLES DURING PAST YEAR (IN PERCENTAGES): BUTTER 81, EDIBLE OILS 66, RICE 86 (THIS IS CORRECT PERCENTAGE, RATHER THAN LOWER FIGURE REPORTED TANANARIVE 1433), BREAD 20 (PLUS 14 PERCENT REDUCTION IN UNCLASSIFIED

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WEIGHT), DOMESTIC CHEESE 27 (WITH IMPORTED CHEESE NOW

VIRTUALLY UNOBTAINABLE AND OUT-OF-SIGHT PRICEWISE), MILK
24. MEATS HAVE BEEN HELD DOWN BY GOVERNMENT PRICE CONTROLS,
BUT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE RAISED SOON BECAUSE PRESENT
PRICES ARE CAUSING STEADY DECLINE IN PRODUCTION. FOLLOWING
EXAMPLES PRICE INCREASES IN PERCENT IN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:
CHAMPAGNE 300 (AND IT IS SERVED AND UNFORTUNATELY EXPECTED
AT REPRESENTATION FUNCTIONS IN THIS COUNTRY OF FRENCH
INFLUENCE), COGNAC 50, VERMOUTH 35, BEER 22.

(C) NEW MISSION INITIATIVES REQUIRING INCREASED
REPRESENTATION FUNDS: EXPANDED TRADE PROMOTION TO REDUCE AND
IF POSSIBLE ELIMINATE PREVIOUS 3-4 TO - ADVERSE BALANCE IN
U.S. TRADE WITH MADAGASCAR, AND WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS
IN THAT DIRECTION; EXCHANGE PERSONS PROGRAM FOLLOWING
DEPT'S VIRTUAL DOUBLING OF PREVIOUS FUNDING ALSO REQUIRES
INCREASED REPRESENTATION EXPENDITURE TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM
EFFECTIVENESS; DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT SEMINARS TO
ASSIST IN MALAGASIZATION OF ECONOMY AND ENHANCE RECEPTIVE-
NESS TO U.S. APPROACHES.

(D) WHILE EXISTING REPRESENTATION BUDGET IS INADEQUATE TO
ALLOW FOR OFFICIAL JULY 4 RECEPTION (IN CONTRAST TO NATIONAL
HOLIDAY CUSTOM OF VIRTUALLY EVERY OTHER EMBASSY IN MADAGASCAR),
LARGE FUNCTION SHOULD BE HELD JULY 4, 1976 IN COMMEMORATION
OF BICENTENNIAL (SEE MY LETTER JULY 19). ESTIMATED COST
\$750.
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